

REMARKS

As per the Examiner's request, Applicants have corrected the locations of the requested corrections to the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the reply filed on November 1, 1999 is accurate with respect to Claims 3-6, 8, 18. These claims were first amended in an Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement mailed on January 8, 1999. Therefore, when these claims were again amended on November 1, 1999, they are properly referred to as twice amended.

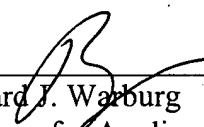
Applicants are submitting two new claims numbered 28 and 29 replacing claims 21 and 22 submitted, but not entered, in the Response dated November 1, 1999, as per the Examiner's request.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition of allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Application be allowed and passed to issue. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. This extension of time is effective to allow timely filing of this response up to and including March 6, 2000. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith in connection with this petition for extension of time. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (619) 687-3896.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 3/6, 2000



Richard J. Warburg
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 32,327

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON LLP
Symphony Towers
750 "B" Street, Suite 2900
San Diego CA 92101